

**State of Indiana
Commission for Higher Education**

Minutes of Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Commission for Higher Education met in regular session starting at 1:00 p.m. at Vincennes University Jasper, 850 College Avenue, Jasper, IN 47546 with Al Hubbard presiding.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM

Members Present: Mike Alley, Dennis Bland, Trent Engbers, Jud Fisher, Al Hubbard, Dan Peterson, Beverley Pitts, John Popp

On the Phone: Chris LaMothe

Members Absent: Jon Costas, Coleen Gabhart, Lisa Hershman, Chris Murphy, Alfonso Vidal

CHAIR'S REPORT

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank the Dean and the Vincennes Jasper leadership for your hospitality last evening and hosting our meeting today.

In July of this year, Indiana's higher education community lost a tremendous leader and advocate, Phil Rath. His legacy of service to Vincennes University will live on through his countless lives he touched and the lasting impressions he made in his community. The Commission has prepared a resolution to honor his service, and I will ask Dan Peterson if he would offer the resolution.

R-19-06.1 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Resolution Honoring Phil Rath. (Motion – Fisher, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

Finally, I want to draw your attention to the Save the Date handout at your place setting. The Commission has a number of events coming up for the next several months:

- On Saturday, October 12 the Commission is holding the 21st Century College Scholars Next Steps Conference for current Scholars students and Alumni.
- On November 18 through 20 the MHEC Annual Commission Meeting and Policy Forum will be held in Indianapolis. Dr. Ken Sauer currently serves as Chair of this multi-state collaboration.
- On December 16 and 17 the Commission will host its annual Student Advocates Conference which brings together college advisors, mentors and other advocates to share best practices.

- On Wednesday, February 12, 2020, the Commission will host the State of Higher Education Address. The Commissioner’s speech will be focused on the new strategic plan, *Reaching Higher in a State of Change*.
- On Tuesday, April 7, 2020, the Commission will host the H. Kent Weldon Conference for Higher Education, which will also be focused on the new strategic plan.

COMMISSIONER’S REPORT

Commissioner Lubbers began her report stating I would like to add words of tribute on behalf of the staff to acknowledge the decades of service by Phil Rath. It’s hard to grasp the significance of this loss unless you have been a part of the higher education and legislative extended family. He challenged us. He made us better. He was a presence – and he will surely be missed.

As you can tell by the Chair’s remarks there are server key higher education events/convenings coming up in the weeks and months ahead. To the degree possible, the presence of commission members is welcomed and appreciated. This provides another opportunity for me to thank each of you for the time you commit to the Commission and our work. I especially want to say thanks for the ways you’re working with us on the new strategic plan – which will be voted on in our December meeting.

I want to take a moment to acknowledge the ongoing service provided by the Center for Leadership Development and Dennis Bland. Last Saturday, CLD hosted its College Prep Conference and College Fair at the Indianapolis Convention Center. Approximately 1500 parents and students gathered to learn about financial aid, the college application process and other relevant topics. Dennis unveiled to the students the “Code 4 Excellence.” 2 hours of studying per night; 15 minutes of reading per day; 177 days of attendance; 0 days of suspension or expulsion. The number of students there and the number of public and private colleges that participate really speak to Dennis’ vision and dedication to lifting up minority youth in Indiana. It’s the same dedication he brings to the Commission, and is a good reminder that much of the work we do here wouldn’t be as successful as it is without partners like CLD.

I’m happy to report that the National Science Foundation announced yesterday that Credential Engine in partnership with the Commission for Higher Education has been granted a Phase I grant. The \$400,000 grant will focus solely on Indiana and will bring together the full spectrum of educational and training providers in an effort to align the competencies sought by employers with instructional programs. If successful, this Phase I grant will position Indiana to be part of a much large Phase II grant that would start next year. As you recall, Indiana was the first state to begin scaling up Credential Engine in 2017; there are now 14 states scaling up Credential Engine, including Ohio, Michigan, Kansas and Minnesota.

Lastly I would like to bring you up to date on internal staff changes – whenever there are changes, it provides the opportunity for staff advancement and realignment. While we are certainly sorry to see members of our CHE team leave, it’s encouraging that many of them choose to continue their careers in higher education.

Alecia Nafziger will be departing later this month to join Indiana University’s staff. Our current Director of Accounting, Alexa Deaton, will become our CFO and Associate Commissioner. Alexa has been with CHE for several years and has a thorough knowledge of our financial operations. Moving into Alexa’s role is Jasmine Williams, who will be coming to CHE from the State Budget Agency where she worked on many of CHE’s programs and funding requests. In addition, I have moved Colby Shank into the role of Associate Commissioner for Student Financial Aid. We actually had this position when CHE assumed SSACI but didn’t refill it when Mary Jane Michalak left the Commission. Both of these positions – as Associate Commissioners – Alexa Deaton as CFO and Colby Shank as Associate Commissioner for Student Financial Aid – need to be approved by action of the Commission.

R-19-06.2 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the employment of Associate Commissioners (Motion – Fisher, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

CONSIDERATION OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING

R-19-06.3 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the Minutes of the August, 2019 regular meeting. (Motion – Alley, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

II. PUBLIC SQUARE

A. Early College High School Models

1. Dr. Janet Boyle, Executive Director, Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning
2. Sue Auffenberg, Director of School Counseling, Greensburg High School
3. Dr. Drew Findlay, Dean of CTE Early College, Vincennes University

As the Commission continues to develop our next strategic plan, which has an intentional focus of an aligned K-12 to postsecondary education system, we have the opportunity today to hear about early college programs and how they allow students to further their postsecondary education.

Tari Lambert facilitated this session.

III. Business Items

A. Academic Degree Programs for Expedited Action

1. Bachelor of Science in Professional Flight to be offered by Purdue University Global
2. Master of Arts for Teachers in Biology to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington, East, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast
3. Master of Arts for Teachers in Chemistry to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington, East, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast
4. Master of Arts for Teachers in History to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington, East, IUPUI, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast
5. Master of Arts for Teachers in Mathematics to be offered by Indiana University East, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast

6. Master of Arts for Teachers in Political Science to be offered by Indiana University Bloomington, East, Kokomo, Northwest, South Bend, and Southeast

R-19-06.4 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following academic degree programs, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Peterson, unanimously approved)

B. Capital Projects for Full Discussion

1. Indiana University Bloomington – Mies van der Rohe Building

Dr. Tom Morrison presented this project. Josh Garrison provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-06.5 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project, in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Popp, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

2. Ivy Tech Community College – Indianapolis Automotive Technology Center

Mary Jane Michalak presented this project. Josh Garrison provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-06.6 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Alley, second – Fisher, unanimously approved)

3. Purdue University West Lafayette – South End Zone Video Board

Tony Hahn presented this project. Josh Garrison provided the staff recommendation.

R-19-06.7 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Peterson, second – Popp, unanimously approved)

C. Capital Projects for Expedited Action

1. Indiana State University – Dreiser Hall
2. Ivy Tech Community College – Elkhart Flex Lab
3. Indiana University – Bicentennial Repair and Rehabilitation Plan
4. Purdue University West Lafayette – Airport HVAC Replacement, Window Replacement and Overhead Door Repair Project

5. Purdue University West Lafayette – Classroom and Restroom Renovations
6. Purdue University West Lafayette – Hillenbrand Residence Hall Sewer Replacement and Bathroom Repair Phases III-IV
7. Purdue University West Lafayette – Southeast Campus Water Line Replacement
8. Purdue University West Lafayette – Stewart Center Window and Stage Lift Replacements and Elevator Repair
9. Purdue University West Lafayette – University Residences Bathroom Renovation Phase IX – Shreve Residence Hall

R-19-06.8 RESOLVED: That the Commission for Higher Education hereby approves the following capital project in accordance with the background information provided in this agenda item. (Motion – Fisher, second – Alley, unanimously approved)

III. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Academic Degree Programs Awaiting Action
- B. Academic Degree Actions Taken By Staff
- C. Media Coverage

**IV. OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Al Hubbard, Chair

Mike Alley, Secretary